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Sir,

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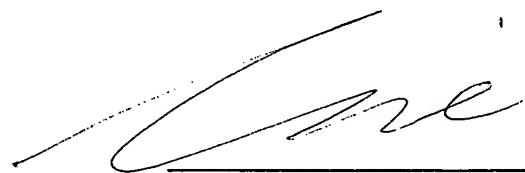
THAT I am a graduate of Keio University, Kanagawa, Japan, having received the Degree of Bachelor of Electric Engineering, in 1998;

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THAT I understand the Japanese and English languages; and

THAT the attached English documents are a full true, faithful and accurate translation of the specification as filed of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-004310 filed on January 13, 2000.

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Date: October 8, 2004